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SUBJECT: BRAZIL - DEMARCHE ON TSA LIGHTERS BAN

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1. (U) In a March 1 meeting with the Brazilian Department of Civil Aviation (DAC), Rio EconOff notified the DAC of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) addition of lighters to the list of prohibited items on flights to, from, or within the U.S. The DAC officials stated that they had also received the news from Buenos Aires-based regional TSA representative Joseph Ochoa. The DAC officials stated that they understood that although the ban exceeds current ICAO guidelines, that the USG could impose additional requirements. EconOff Brasilia followed up with the Foreign Ministry and delivered reftel points on March 19.

2. (U) This cable was coordinated with Consulate General Rio de Janeiro.

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